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REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, allowance of this case is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1, 3-22, 24-27, 47, 49 and 50 are currently pending in this application. Claims 2, 23 and 29 have been previously cancelled. By this response, claims 28, 30-46 and 48, which had been rejected by the examiner, have now been cancelled thereby canceling all of the apparatus claims. The Examiner had method allowed claims 1, 3-6, 9-22, 24-27, 49 and 50.

Claims 7, 8 and 47 had been objected to by the Examiner. In particular, the Examiner found a lack of antecedent basis for one limitation and believed that claim 7 should depend from claim 5 to provide antecedent basis for a prior reference to "at least one further gas."

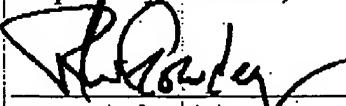
Claim 7 has now been amended to correct its dependency. Claims 8 and 47 both depend from claim 7 and the objection to them is believed to be corrected by the change made to claim 7. Consequently, it is believed that method claims 7, 8 and 47 are also now allowable.

In view of the above, it is believed that all of the claims now presented are in allowable form, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, should the Examiner have any questions, or believe that some further discussion would prove helpful, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned for such a discussion.

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